

Seat Belts

Your Honda automobile is provided with seat belts to minimize the chance of injury to yourself and your passengers in a sudden stop or accident.

For precautions on using seat belts for children, babies and pregnant women. See pages 15 — 17.

Seat belts are most effective when the driver and passengers are sitting up straight and well back in the seat.

▲ WARNING

In the event of a collision, occupants not wearing seat belts could be seriously or fatally injured. Make sure you and all your passengers ALWAYS put on the seat belts before driving away.

CAUTION:

Be careful the seat belts are not damaged by catching or entangling in the door or seat mechanism.

Front Seat Belts

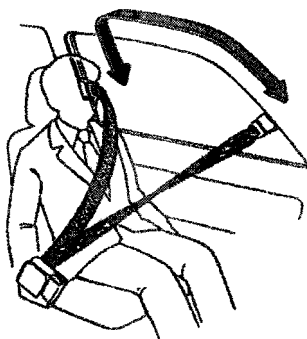
The front seats have automatic ("passive") restraint systems consisting of shoulder belts and knee bolsters. For your safety, the manual lap belts must be worn together with the automatic shoulder belts. The shoulder belts must remain permanently latched. The automatic and manual belts have emergency locking retractors designed to lock only during a sudden stop or impact. Otherwise, they allow some freedom of movement in the seat.

Operation

1. Enter the car and close the door completely. Move the seat a comfortable distance from the steering wheel, sit straight up and well back in the seat.

▲ WARNING

Never drive the car with the doors ajar. The front doors must be closed completely for the front seat belts to function properly.



2. Turn the ignition ON. The shoulder belt buckle will move to its rear locked position. The length of the shoulder belt will adjust automatically to your body and seating position. Make sure the shoulder belt goes over your shoulder and across your body to evenly distribute the belt's restraining force. If the belt is too near your neck and throat, move toward the center of the seat.

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▲ WARNING

Normal movement of the shoulder belt buckle may cause injury. Be sure all parts of your body, especially fingers and hands, are clear of the shoulder buckle while it is moving.

CAUTION:

If the sunvisor is positioned near the door area, movement of the seat belt buckle can damage the sunvisor. Before opening or closing a front door, turning the ignition on or removing the key from the ignition, make sure the sunvisor is returned to its clip above the windshield.

NOTE:

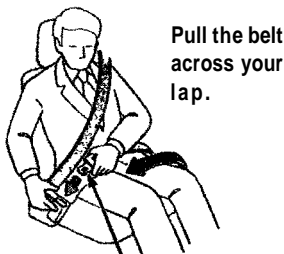
- If the door is not closed completely, the shoulder belt buckle will not move and the door warning light will come on (see page 25).
- If the door is opened with the ignition on, the buckle will release itself from its locked position and move forward.
- If the shoulder belt buckle stops halfway or does not move at all, see page 126 for shoulder belt buckle operation.

3. Take hold of the lap belt's tongue plate and pull it from its retractor. Be sure the belt is not twisted or caught on anything.

NOTE:

If pulled too fast, the belt will lock. If this happens, allow the belt to retract then pull it out more slowly.

4. Push the tongue plate into the buckle until it clicks locked. Position the belt across your lap, low on your hipbone and below your abdomen. This way, if the car is involved in an accident you would be less likely to slide under the seat belts.



Pull the belt
across your
lap.



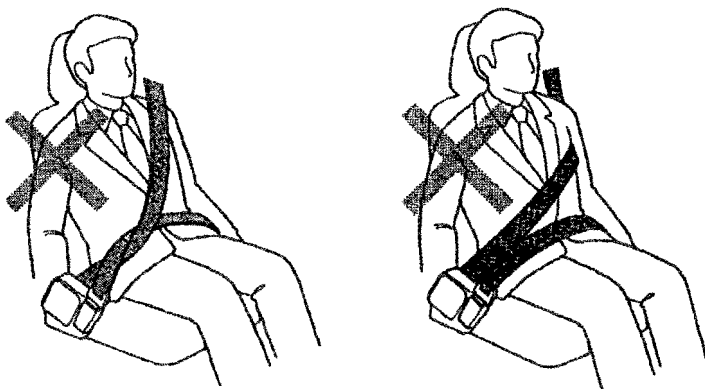
Keep below
hip bone.

TONGUE PLATE

▲ WARNING

- Avoid placing the lap belt across your abdomen. In the event of a collision, the pressure of the belt on the abdomen may increase the extent of injury.
- Never use one belt for more than one person, child or adult.
- Comfort clips sold on the open market are not recommended since they could impair the function and safety of the belts.

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- Make sure the strap of the shoulder belt and the lap belt are not crossed.
 - Do not wear the shoulder portion of the belt under your arm or out of position. Such use could increase the chance and amount of injury in an accident.

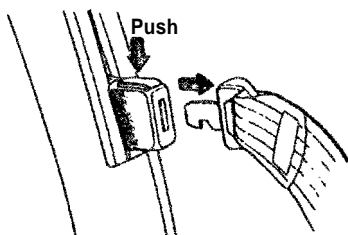


Releasing the Seat Belts

1. To release the manual lap belt, push the "PRESS" button in the buckle, the belt should retract automatically when released.
2. The driver's shoulder belt buckle will release and travel to its off position when the key is removed from the ignition.
3. The shoulder belt buckle will also release and travel to its off position when the door is opened.

Emergency Belt Release

The shoulder belt should always remain buckled. In case of an emergency, however, the shoulder belt can be released from the shoulder belt buckle by pushing the button.



Relatch the shoulder belt before operating the car, making sure the belt is not twisted.

▲ WARNING

Driving with a twisted seat belt can increase your chance and extent of injury during a collision. Be sure the shoulder belt is not twisted before driving the car.

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Buckling the Rear Seat Combination Lap/Shoulder Belts

In the rear seat, there are two one-piece combination lap/shoulder belts and a center lap belt.

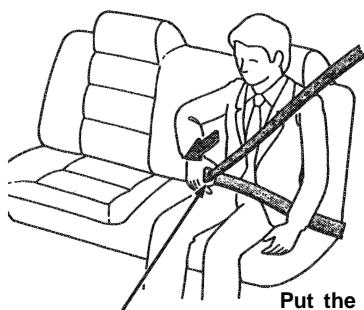
The seat-backs and seat belts provide best restraint when the occupant is sitting well back and straight up in the seat.

The combination lap/shoulder belts with emergency locking retractors are designed to lock only during a sudden stop or impact. Otherwise, they allow you some freedom of movement in the seat.

NOTE:

The emergency locking system of the rear seat belts will also be activated if you pull the belt too fast. If this happens, release the belt slightly then pull it out more slowly.

1. Take hold of the tongue plate and pull the belt across your lap. Be sure the belt is not twisted or caught on anything.



TONGUE PLATE

Put the belt across your lap.



Keep below hip bone.

2. Push the tongue plate into the buckle until it clicks locked. The seat belt should fit snugly against your body. The shoulder portion of the belt should go over your shoulder and across your body to evenly distribute the belt's restraining force. Check that the lap portion of the belt is positioned low on your hipbone and below your abdomen. This way, if the car is involved in an accident, you will be less likely to slide under the seat belts. If the belt is too near your neck and throat, move toward the center of the seat.

WARNING

Avoid placing the lap belt across your abdomen. In the event of a collision, the pressure of the belt on the abdomen may increase the extent of injury.

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3. To release the seat belt, push the **"PRESS"** button in the buckle; the belt should retract automatically when released. If the belt does not fully retract, pull it out and check for kinks or twists.

CAUTION:

Make sure both rear shoulder belts are positioned in front of the rear seat-backs whenever the seat-backs are in their upright position.

Rear Center Seat Belt

Adjust the center lap belt length to fit snugly but comfortably when buckled.

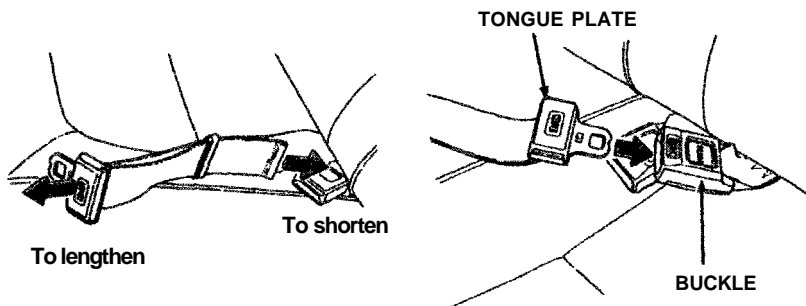
A slack belt will greatly reduce the protection afforded to the wearer. Hold the tongue plate perpendicular to the belt as shown.

* To shorten, pull the end of the belt away from the tongue plate.

* To lengthen, pull the tongue plate.

Push the tongue plate into the buckle until it clicks locked. Position the belt across your lap, not your abdomen, as low on your hips as possible.

If worn across your abdomen, pressure of the seat belt on your abdomen may increase the extent of injury in the event of an accident.



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